St. Lucie County Artificial Reef Monitoring Program

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DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile — 1st Annual Monitoring

1,000 Ton Pile — 1st Annual Monitoring



1,000 Ton Reef Pile – Quite a Prolific Reef Site

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1st Annual Monitoring of the DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile Reef

DMC Barge – Deployed 6/10/2009 500 Ton Pile – Deployed 6/11/2009

1st Annual Monitoring of the 1,000 Ton Pile Reef 1,000 Ton Pile – Deployed 8/31/2009

1 Introduction

This report presents the first annual artificial reef monitoring surveys of the DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile and the 1,000 Ton Pile sites. Both sites are located within the FishAmerica Foundation Project area (FAF-8079).

The DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile reef was deployed June 10-11, 2009, and the 1,000 Ton Pile Reef deployed on August 31, 2009. Both of these artificial reefs are located 6 nautical miles offshore of St. Lucie County, Florida within the permitted 'North County Nearshore Site.'

The deployment work was performed for St. Lucie County (SLC) with a donation from Fish America Foundation, grant funding from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and a donation from Bob Herbst Jr. The primary objectives of this project were to:

- Verify and document reef locations,
- Document biological activity (benthic organisms and coastal demersal finfish) and
- Evaluate material performance, (stability and condition of the reef materials, profile, scour and settlement, etc.).

The North County Nearshore Site area's southwest boundary is located 5.6 miles NE of Ft. Pierce Inlet (Figure 2) with an average water depth of 54 feet. The bottom is a mix of coarse sand and shell fragments. To date there have been no natural reefs, or natural hard bottom areas located in this area.

2 Methodology

The field work surveys were performed by skilled divers using visual techniques and still underwater photography of the reef areas. Kerry Dillon (Sea Rover Services, Inc.) primarily performed the field work and report writing for this annual monitoring. Additional highly experienced scientific divers were employed to assist in the performance of field work, along with data analysis by a marine biologist. James Oppenborn, St. Lucie County Coastal Resources Supervisor, participated in monitoring survey dives, in addition to contributions of photographs and reef construction data. The field work is described as follows:

Physical reef structure – diver inspections and measurements were made to determine changes in the reef structure, including scour, settlement, horizontal extent, and movement of reef components. Reef structure depths were acquired by using dive computers for measurements of the bottom, along with the highest and average depths of the reef materials. The natural bottom depths away from the reefs were compared to the maximum depths adjacent to the reefs to assess scour. Over time, changes in the reef heights may be used to assess settlement of the materials. Distance measurements of the horizontal extent of the reefs were made using a tape measure.

Biological surveys – data collection methods included conducting the underwater 'Roaming Diver' visual assessment method.¹ This fish count technique assesses the relative fish species diversity and their quantities. Data were recorded on waterproof slates during the reef assessments. Dive data such as date and time, bottom time, depth, currents and water temperature were recorded. The relative abundance for each species was recorded based on the numbers observed, which can be described by the following categories:

•	'S'	for a	Single	individual seen of that species
•	'F'	for	Few	2 - 10 individuals
•	'M'	for	Many	11 - 100 individuals
•	Ϋ́A'	for	Abundant	> 100 individuals

These categories are widely utilized by the REEF agency (Reef Environmental Education Foundation) and accepted by the scientific community for conducting underwater species surveys by divers on natural and artificial reefs worldwide.

All data taken during each dive was thoroughly reviewed on the boat following each dive before being transferred into field log books. These practices assure that correct and complete data were recorded and saved.

Photo-documentation – underwater digital still cameras were used to document the reefs' condition and other observations that were made during the dives. These will be utilized in comparing reef structure and marine life in subsequent reef surveys. Representative photographs are included in this report.

3 Reef Locations

The GPS coordinates for the locations of the DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile and the 1,000 Ton Pile reefs are shown in Table 1. These artificial reefs were developed as follows:



Figure 1. Arrival of DMC Barge on Site Prior to Deployment

3.1 DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile Reef

The DMC Barge was deployed on June 10, 2009. On June 11, 2009, 500 tons of mixed secondary concrete materials were deployed on and next to the barge. McCulley Marine Services Inc. (MMS) provided materials delivery services.

These deployments were:

- 6/10/2009 DMC Barge, one 65'steel inland barge deployed
- 6/11//2009 500 Ton Pile, 500 tons of mixed secondary concrete materials deployed

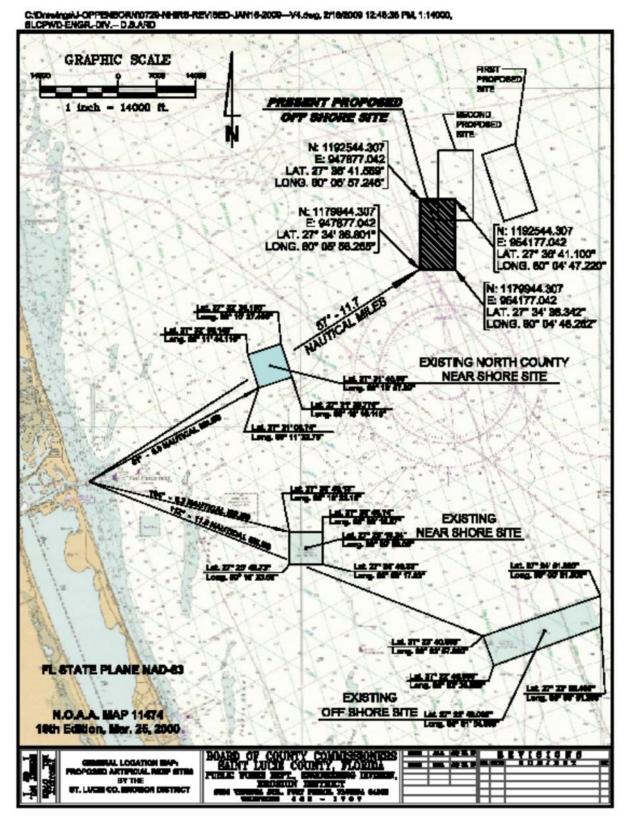


Figure 2. Permitted St. Lucie County Artificial Reef Sites

3.2 1,000 Ton Pile Reef

The 1,000 Ton Pile was created on August 31, 2009 by the deployment of one barge load of mixed secondary concrete materials. McCulley Marine Services, Inc. (MMS) provided materials delivery services.

• 8/31/2009 – 1,000 tons of mixed secondary concrete materials

Table 1. St. Lucie County Artificial Reef Deployments, 2005-2009

ST. LUCIE COUNTY ARTIFICIAL REEF DEPLOYMENTS								
Deployment Date	Latitude	Longitude	Zmax	Zmin	Profile	Materials	Name	
8/17/2005	27*26.675'N	80*10.305'W	55	43	12	440 tons FEC railroad ties		
	27*26.670'N	80*10.295'W	55	43	12	FEC railroad ties		
9/30/2005	27*26.687'N	80*10.333'W	55	35	20	340 tons FPL materials		
5/4/2006	27*26.402'N	80*09.601'W	54	43	11	490 tons dock piles		
5/6/2006	27*26.633'N	80*10.107'W	54	44	10	572 tons dock piles		
5/9/2006	27*26.531'N	80*09.936'W	53	45	8	515 tons mixed concrete materials		
5/11/2006	27*26.750'N	80*10.208'W	54	44	10	523 tons mixed concrete materials	SKA Reef	
5/15/2006	27*26.743'N 27*26.777'N	80*10.214'W 80*10.229'W	56 56	46 46		140' Sterling Barge - Bow 140' Sterling Barge - Stern	Civic Center Reef	
1/31/2007	27*26.743'N 27*26.777'N	80*10.214'W 80*10.229'W	56	35	19	555 tons Civic Center materials	Civic Center Reef	
2/7/2007	27*26.777'N	80*10.229'W	56	37		539 tons mixed concrete materials (Civic Center and culverts)	Civic Center Reef	
6/4/2007	27*23.168'N	80*03.704'W	95	84	11	526 tons mixed concrete materials	Midway Reef	
6/6/2007	27*23.596'N	80*03.668'W	91	73	21	485 tons mixed concrete materials	N Reef	
6/8/2007	27*23.465'N	80*03.707'W	89	76	12	473 tons mixed concrete materials	SW Reef	
6/9/2007	27*23.464'N	80*03.619'W	92	74	18	526 tons mixed concrete materials	SE Reef	
12/6/2007	27*24.048'N	80*02,206'W	122	103	19	500 tons mixed concrete materials +	120-ft. Reef	
12/8/2007	27 24.046 N	80 02.206 W	122	103	19	500 tons concrete RR ties		
2/16/2008 27*24.103'N 80		90*01 577\\	30*01.577'W 140	122	10	500 tons mixed concrete materials +	140-ft. Reef	
2/24/2008	27 24.10311	80 01.377 W	140	122	18	500 tons FEC railroad ties	140-II. Neel	
8/25/2008	- 27*22.990'N	80*03.699'W	93	76	17	526 tons mixed concrete materials +	Bob Herbst Sr.	
8/26/2008	27 22.99011	00 03.099 W)"03.699'VV 93		17	481 tons mixed concrete materials	Reef	
8/27/2008	- 27*26.767'N	80*09.538'W	55	34	21	630 tons mixed concrete materials +	Bob Herbst Jr.	
8/28/2008			33	34	21	461 tons mixed concrete materials	Reef	
9/17/2008	27*24.132'N	80*01.114'W	152	133	19	Tug Lee (50' tug)	Tug Lesley Lee Reef	
6/10/2009	27*31.213'N	80*11.158'W	53	48	5	DMC Barge (65" inland barge)	DMC Barge, FAF Reef	
6/11/2009	27*31.214'N	80*11.169'W	64	50	14	500 tons mixed concrete materials	500 Ton Pile, FAF Reef	
8/31/2009	27*31.279'N	80*11.103'W	53			500 tons mixed concrete materials	FAF Reef	
8/31/2009	27*31.187'N	80*11.107'W	54	27	27	1,000 tons mixed concrete materials	1000 Ton Pile, FAF Reef	

4 History of the Artificial Reefs

4.1 DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile Reef Deployments

On June 4, 2009, pre-deployment survey dives were conducted by Kenny Smith and James Oppenborn. The DMC Barge was deployed on June 10, 2009 and settled in an up-right position. Deployment of the barge was performed by McCulley Marine Services of Ft. Pierce, Florida utilizing their tugboats, captains, crew and barges.

An initial post-deployment survey dive was performed on November 1, 2009, by Sea Rover Services of Stuart, Florida and Jim Oppenborn of SLC.



Figure 3. 500 Tons of Secondary Concrete Leaving Fort Pierce Inlet

Photo courtesy of Jim Oppenborn

4.2 1,000 Ton Pile Reef Deployments

On August 31, 2009, a volunteer diver conducts a sweep of the deployment area using her boat's depth finder. No anomalous readings were found.



Figure 4. Secondary Concrete Leaving Fort Pierce Inlet before Deployment

Deployment of the barge was performed by McCulley Marine Services of Ft. Pierce, Florida utilizing their tugboats, captains, crew and barges.

Photo courtesy of Jim Oppenborn

5 Annual Monitoring

5.1 DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile Reef - First Annual Monitoring



Figure 6. DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile – Prolific Reef as Seen During 1st Annual Monitoring



Figure 5. Stacking of bridge post and rail on DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile reef

On October 13, 2010, the first annual monitoring was performed with the following data collected:

• DMC Barge, Maximum water depth = 64 feet

• DMC Barge, Vessel deck depth = 57 feet

• DMC Barge, Reef crest depth = 50 feet

• DMC Barge, Maximum reef relief = 14 feet

• DMC Barge, Vessel bow orientation = 220°

• 500 Ton Pile, Maximum water depth = 65 feet

• 500 Ton Pile, Reef crest depth = 48 feet

• 500 Ton Pile, Maximum reef relief = 17 feet

• Surface water temperature $= 80^{\circ} \, \text{F}$

• Bottom water temperature = 80° F

• Thermocline depth = None

• Current at Surface = 1/4 knot to the North

• Current at Bottom = 1/8 knot to the North

• Visibility Near Surface = 60 feet

• Visibility at Bottom = 80 feet

A detailed underwater survey of the DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile Reef was performed by a team of divers. The barge lies in a NE-SW orientation, with the stern to the NE and the bow to the SW. Concrete materials are stacked on the deck of the barge and alongside the vessel.

Fish census data for the first annual monitoring of 2010, is presented in Table 2. Species were positively identified and their quantities were listed utilizing the Roving Diver method. Twenty-eight species of fish were identified during this survey.



Figure 7. Culverts upright on barge deck provide desirable vertical profile



Figure 8. Jim Oppenborn, SLC Coastal Resources Supervisor, observes structure & marine life

Table 2. DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile Fish Census, 10/13/2010

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FAMILY	COMMOM NAME	SPECIES	Abundance	Size
Acanthuridae	Doctorfish	Acanthurus chirurgus	F	Α
Atherinidae	Silversides	Unidentified specie	A (1,000'S)	J & A
Balistidae	Gray trigger	Balistes capriscus	М	А
Carangidae	Amberjack	Seriola dumerili	М	J & A
	Atlantic bumper	Chloroscombus chrysurus	Α	Α
	Blue runner	Caranx chrysos	Α	Α
	Round scad	Decapterus punctatus	А	Α
Centropomidae	Common snook	Centropomus undecimalis	M (20)	Α
Elasmobranchs	Southern stingray	Dasyatis americana	S	Α
Ephippidae	Atlantic spadefish	Chaetodipterus faber	А	Α
Haemulidae	Black margate	Anisotremus surinamensis	F	Α
	Pigfish	Orthopristis chrysoptera	А	А
	Porkfish	Anisotremus virginicus	M	J & A
	Tomtate	Haemulon aurolineatum	А	J & A
Lutjanidae	Gray snapper	Lutjanus griseus	F	J & A
	Lane snapper	Lutjanus synagris	M	J/A & A
	Yellowtail snapper	Ocyurus chrysurus	F	А
Pomacanthidae	Blue angelfish	Holocanthus bermudensis	F	J & A
	Beaugregory	Stegastes leucostictus	F	J & A
Rachycentridae	Cobia	Rachycentron canadum	S	А
Sciaenidae	Cubbyu	Pareques umbrosus	F	J & A
Scorpaenidae	Red Lionfish	Pterois volitans	S	J
Serranidae	Black sea bass	Centropristis striata	А	J & A
Sparidae	Sheepshead	Archosargus probatocephalus	М	А
	Sheepshead porgy	Calamus penna	F	А
Sphyraenidae	Great barracuda	Sphyraena barracuda	F	А
	Guaguanche	Sphyraena guachancho	М	J/A
Tetraodontidae	Bandail puffer	Sphoeroides spengleri	F	J
		Total Species	28	





Figure 9. DMC Barge/ 500 Ton Pile 1st annual monitoring underwater photographs

The DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile is clearly a very successful artificial reef habitat. The visibility was very good (80 feet) providing excellent monitoring conditions. However, the abundance of thick schools of baitfish often temporarily obscured visibility. Photographs clearly show the reef structure with benthic and demersal marine life.

Benthic organism census data for this reef site's first annual monitoring in 2010 is presented in Table 3. The specific species positively identified was recorded while utilizing the Roving Diver method. Eleven species of benthics were identified during this survey

Table 3. DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile Benthic Census, 10/13/2010

	Common Name	Scientific Name
Echinoderms	Rock Boring Urchin	Echinometra lucnter luctunte
	Arabacia Urchin	Arabacia punctulata
Cnidarians	Encrusting Gorgonian	Erythropodium caribaeorum
	Yellow Sea Whip	Pterogorgia citrina
	Colorful Sea Whip	Leptogorgia virgulata
	Coral Recruits	Oculina diffusa
Ascidians	Giant Tunicates	Polycarpa spongiabilis
	Mottled Encrusting Tunicate	Distaplia bermudensis
Poriferans	Brown Clustered Tube Sponge	Agelas wiedenmyeri
	Brown Variable Sponge	Anthosigmella varians
	White Lumpy Sponge	Ptilocaulis sp.

5.2 1,000 Ton Pile Reef - First Annual Monitoring Conditions

The preliminary post-deployment monitoring dive of the DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile Reef was performed in November 2009. On October 13, 2010, the first annual monitoring was performed with the following data collected.

• 1,000 Ton Pile, Maximum water depth = 64 feet

• 1,000 Ton Pile, Reef crest depth = 34 feet

• 1,000 Ton Pile, Maximum reef relief = 30 feet

• Surface water temperature $= 82^{\circ} F$

• Bottom water temperature = 82° F

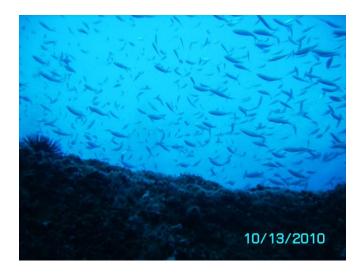
Thermocline depth = None

Current at Surface = 1/4 knot to the North

Current at Bottom = 1/8 knot to the North

Visibility Near Surface = 60 feet

Visibility at Bottom = 80 feet



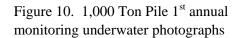




Table 4 1,000 Ton Pile Fish Census, 10/13/2010

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FAIVILY		SPECIES	Abundance	Size	COMMENTS
Acanthuridae	Doctorfish	Acanthurus chirurgus	F	А	
Atherinidae	Silversides	Unidentified specie	Α	Α	
Carangidae	Blue runner	Caranx chrysos	M	А	
	Round scad	Decapterus punctatus	Α	J & A	
Centropomidae	Common snook	Centropomus undecimalis	М	Α	
Elasmobranchs	Nurse shark	Ginglymostoma cirratum	S	Α	
Ephippidae	Atlantic spadefish	Chaetodipterus faber	М	Α	
Haemulidae	Black margate	Anisotremus surinamensis	F	Α	
	Pigfish	Orthopristis chrysoptera	А	А	
	Porkfish	Anisotremus virginicus	F	J & A	
	Tomtate	Haemulon aurolineatum	Α	J & A	
Labridae	Slippery dick	Halichoeres bivittatus	F	Α	
Labrisomidae	Hairy blenny	Labrisomus nuchipinnis	F	J & A	
Lutjanidae	Gray snapper	Lutjanus griseus	М	J & A	
	Lane snapper	Lutjanus synagris	М	J & A	
	Yellowtail snapper	Ocyurus chrysurus	F	Α	
Pomacanthidae	French angelfish	Pomacanthus paru	S	J	1/2" long
	Sergeant major	Abudefduf saxatilis	F	Α	
Sciaenidae	Cubbyu	Pareques umbrosus	М	J & A	
	Belted sandfish	Serranus subligarius	F	J & A	
	Black sea bass	Centropristis striata	Α	J & A	
	Gag grouper	Mycteroperca microlepis	S	А	
	Goliath grouper	Epinephelus itajara	М	J & A	12
Sparidae	Sheepshead	Archosargus probatocephalus	M	Α	
	Sheepshead porgy	Calamus penna	F	Α	
	Spottail pinfish	Diplodus holbrookii	F	А	
Sphyraenidae	Great barracuda	Sphyraena barracuda	M	Α	
	Guaguanche	Sphyraena guachancho	F	А	
Tetraodontidae	Bandtail puffer	Sphoeroides spengleri	F	Α	
Unidentified Family	Fry	Unidentified species	M	J	1/2" long
		Total Number of Species	30		

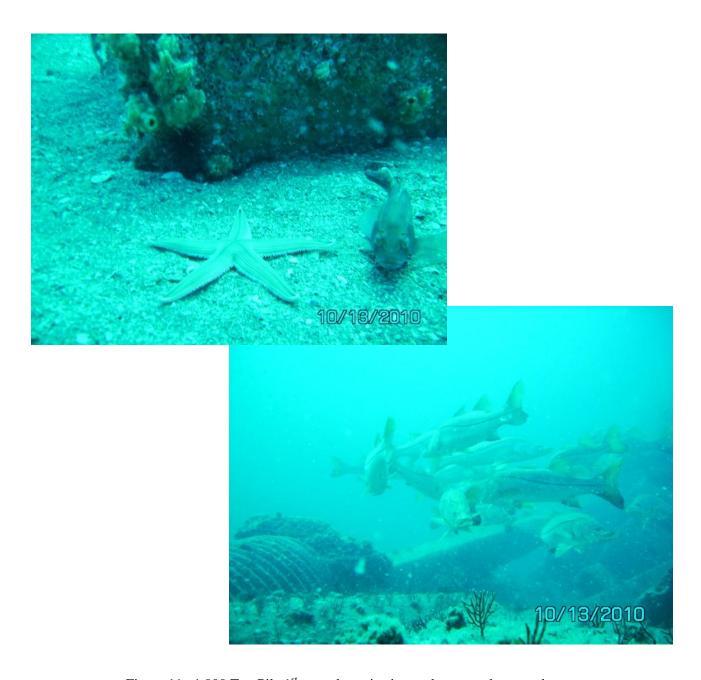


Figure 11. 1,000 Ton Pile 1st annual monitoring underwater photographs

Benthic organism census data for the first annual monitoring in 2010 is presented in Table 5. The specific species positively identified was recorded while utilizing the Roving Diver method. Fourteen species of benthics were identified during this survey





Figure 12. Colonies of benthic organisms, 1000 Ton Pile

Table 5. 1,000 Ton Pile, Benthic Census, 10/13/2010

	Common Name	Scientific Name
Echinoderms	Rock Boring Urchin	Echinometra lucnter luctunte
	Arabacia Urchin	Arabacia punctulata
	Variegated Urchin	Lytechinus variegatus
	Striped Sea Star	Luidia clathrata
Cnidarians	Encrusting Gorgonian	Erythropodium caribaeorum
	Yellow Sea Whip	Pterogorgia citrina
	Colorful Sea Whip	Leptogorgia virgulata
	Coral Recruits	Oculina diffusa
	Glass Anemone	Aptasia spp.
	Moon Jellyfish	Aurelia aurita
Ascidians	Giant Tunicate	Polycarpa spongiabilis
	Mottled Encrusting Tunicate	Distaplia bermudensis
Poriferans	Brown Variable Sponge	Anthosigmella varians
	White Lumpy Sponge	Ptilocaulis sp.

6 Summaries

6.1 DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile Reef

The DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile reef is another example of a well designed and constructed shallow water artificial reef offshore of St. Lucie County. This is the second such reef here that utilized an obsolete barge as a foundation with secondary concrete materials to augment the overall profile and complexity. I have dove and monitored dozens of sunken barges in many locations and can confidently attest to the comparisons. The barges deployed without additional materials are very limited in useable space for marine life to forage and take shelter. Over time most barges steel side plates break apart and fall to the seafloor. This usually takes many years to occur. Once this occurs much more useable space becomes available and the total bio-load increases. The reefs, such as the DMC Barge/500 Ton Pile, with the additional concrete materials provide immediate shelter for varying sizes and species of marine life. This site has many different types of niche habitats including (though not limited to) overhangs, flat wide surfaces, small crevices and large voids. These steel and concrete materials are vital at providing shelter for species from minute fry to large predators. The artificial reef structures' cryptic habitats and high profile appendages shelter all sizes of marine life. These spaces provide habitat for benthic invertebrate settlement and maturation while also providing habitat for demersal fish colonization. In addition, in one year's time small outcrops of Oculina diffusa hard stony corals have begun to grow and were documented in October 2010.

This reef site has truly become a superior example of what an artificial reef program can achieve when the proper funding, construction techniques, government, private/public support and management oversight is in place. The second annual monitoring will be conducted in the fall of 2011 to document this artificial reef's continued development.

6.2 1,000 Ton Pile Reef

The 1,000 Ton Pile Reef is also an excellent example of a well planned and well constructed artificial reef. With the exception of the large offshore shipwrecks, it has the highest profile – at 30ft.– of all the St. Lucie County Artificial Reefs. This was accomplished by a properly anchored barge which ensured careful stacking of the deployed materials. This generated an intricate assembly of concrete shapes and sizes stacked and interlocked with each another. An impressive superstructure was created for many fish species and attached benthic organisms to thrive. All types of cryptic spaces exist at this site. It seems as though each one is filled with some type of living creature. Even in bright daylight many of the crevices and caverns require a light to reveal the individual species that exist therein.

Large schools of baitfish are attracted by the high profile of the 1,000-ton reef; fishes rest in the eddies down current from this reef while foraging. During the 1st Annual Monitoring, 30 finfish were identified, as well as a wide array of attached benthic organisms. The attached marine life is the basis of the food chain, which is thriving here. It is expected that even more species of marine life will be documented and photographed during the 2011, 2nd Annual Monitoring at this site.

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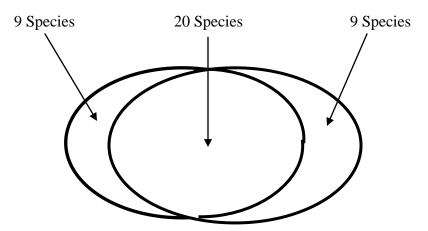
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TOTAL SPECIES ON THE FISHAMERICA FOUNDATION REEFS

1,000-TON REEF

BOTH REEFS

500-TON/DMC BARGE



- 1. Belted sandfish
- 2. French angelfish
- Gag grouper
- 4. Goliath grouper
- 5. Hairy blenny
- 6. Nurse shark
- 7. Sergeant major
- 8. Slippery dick
- 9. Spottail pinfish

- 1. Atlantic spadefish
- 2. Atlantic Silversides
- 3. Bandtail puffer
- 4. Barracuda
- 5. Black margate
- 6. Black seabass
- 7. Blue runner
- 8. Cigar minnow
- 9. Common snook
- 10. Cubbyu
- 11. Doctorfish
- 12. Guaguanche
- 13. Gray snapper
- 14. Lane snapper
- 15. Pigfish
- 16. Porkfish
- 17. Tomtate
- 18. Sheepshead
- 19. Sheepshead porgy
- 20. Yellowtail snapper

- 1. Amberjack
- 2. Atlantic Bumper
- 3. Beaugregory
- 4. Blue Angelfish
- 5. Cobia
- 6. Gray triggerfish
- 7. Red Lionfish
- 8. Southern stingray
- 9. Unidentified species

Figure 13

<u>FishAmerica Foundation Reef</u> <u>Snapper-Grouper Complex Data Comparison</u>

Prepared by James B. Oppenborn

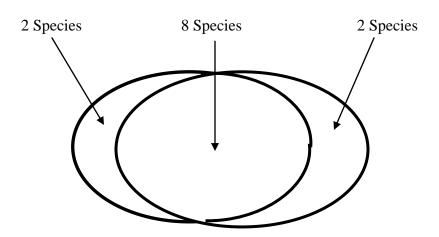
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SNAPPER-GROUPER COMPLEX SPECIES ON THE FISHAMERICA FOUNDATION REEFS

1,000-TON REEF

BOTH REEFS

500-TON/DMC BARGE



- 1. Gag grouper
- 2. Goliath grouper
- 1. Atlantic spadefish
- 2. Black margate
- 3. Black seabass
- 4. Gray snapper
- 5. Lane snapper
- 6. Tomtate
- 7. Sheepshead
- 8. Yellowtail snapper

- 1. Amberjack
- 2. Gray triggerfish

Figure. 14